

DRAFT - 7 May 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr.  2G31

SUBJECT: DDS&T Relationships with American Youth  
Outside Government

1. At your request I am summarizing below activities within the DDS&T which are related to American youth and a few suggestions for improved relationships in the future.

2. DDS&T activities to date:

a. Professionals have assisted recruiters by going on campus to interview prospective employees. This proved to be an excellent program until the recent campus disorders and the cut-back in number of recruits needed. In the 1968-1969 period, for example, DDS&T personnel assisted six recruiters at a number of campuses and in doing this used employees who were recent graduates of the schools in most instances.

b. The DDS&T has about two dozen university consultants or panel members who, in some cases, are reasonably young professionals having a direct association with their students. Generally the CIA association of these consultants and panel members probably is not known to their students but, through better understanding, the Agency image is perhaps occasionally passed on indirectly.

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c. The DDS&T sponsors external training for CIA employees at universities and colleges which tends to provide overt association between these employees and young graduate students. In one recent case a professional spent three years at Stanford University on a PhD program while in overt Agency status. There are several cases pending now for similar external training toward the PhD. Additionally there is much off-hour DDS&T-OTR sponsored training at local universities which fosters contact between our personnel and the students. (Statistics are understood to have been provided by OTR)

d. In several cases on-the-job training also has been arranged for DDS&T specialists with professors at universities. Although only a few fellow students might have been aware of the CIA connections, the contacts with the professor and with a limited number of students may have been of some good will value.

e. The DDS&T now has 32 coop students on board and is very interested in having a substantial number of such persons in its program.

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f. At least one Division within the DDS&T holds regular seminars and in some of these cases college professors are the speakers. Again this is an indirect contact with the American youth.

3. Suggestions for making the work of the Agency better understood and appreciated by American youth.

a. I feel that the coop program is an excellent one and that every effort should be made to increase it, both to aid our operations and to help provide a continuing supply of well selected, full time employees.

b. I feel that the intern program for graduate students to work at CIA during a summer is also an excellent opportunity.

c. It also may be possible to have selected graduate students work with CIA as assistants to professors who are consultants or "cleared contacts". Such a person might be referred to as "consultant assistant".

d. It also may be advantageous to renew the program of providing assistance to recruiters in the field, even though this may be more limited than in the past. In most cases we urge sending a recent graduate rather than an old timer to assist.

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